PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Pray for Carol Bxck and her family as they mourn the death of her mother and celebrate her life. May God comfort and uphold all who are grieving.
- Remember Kathy G. in prayer as she settles into her new home.
- Continue to pray for Jeanie's brother, Don Davxs as he is receiving hospice care. Give thanks that she was able to visit him last week.
- Pray for those in need of physical, emotional &/or spiritual healing: for Kim's friend Tonya, for Mary N.'s friend Jan, for Kathy Beitxng.
- Pray for residents of Green Hills. Give thanks to God for the work of the staff and administrators as they provide needed resources to our community.
- Pray for people in countries where there is repression or threat of violence or turbulent transfer of political power, including: Ukraine, Burkina Faso, Mali, Myanmar, Haiti, Ethiopia. Pray God would multiply and strengthen the ministry and witness efforts of Christians in those countries; and may we also advocate for nonviolent solutions to problems at home and abroad.

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"Serving Jesus, Loving Others"

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp:

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. Eph. 2:17-18 (NRSV)

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

If you are delighted to be here, and if you are tired or troubled,

you are welcome.

If your faith is strong, and if your faith is battered or frail,

you are welcome.

If you are eager to praise God, and if you need to be quiet,

you are welcome. All: God welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us here. Thanks be to God!

Hymns: God is here among us – H #16 Dear Lord and Father of mankind – H #523

Old Testament reading: II Kings 5:1-10, 14

Offering & prayer

Offertory

Scripture: Luke 4:21-30

Message: No special treatment

Hymn of response: I bind my heart this tide - H #411

Sharing: reflections on the scripture, joys, requests, thanksgivings Intercessory prayer

Sending song: Healer of our every ill – H #377

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Prayer. One of the suggestions coming out of the Pastor-Congregation review last fall, and recent discussion by the Leadership Team and Ministry chairs, was a desire to set aside time to pray together. So, beginning next Sunday, Feb. 6, everyone is encouraged to take part. The prayer time will begin at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Room & last about 20 min. We will follow a structure including readings, silence, & open prayer time, focusing on listening for God's leading, and interceding for Bethel and our neighbors. We will do this for the 4 weeks of February.

Kathy Grabxr moved over the weekend. Her new address is:

Bethel Mennonite Church is seeking a person to fill the part-time (15 hrs/week) **role of Administrative Assistant**, to begin March 1. Qualifications include: strength in organization, communication and interpersonal skills; able to maintain paper & electronic files, website & social media; provide assistance to the pastor and church ministries with attention to confidentiality. For a full job description or to express interest, contact Doug S. or Pastor Rebecca.

"Befriending the Neighborhood: Am I a good neighbor?" Would you like to reach out to your neighbors in a deeper way but not sure how? Howard & Cathy Waglxr will offer practical tips for being a good Christian neighbor. Ohio Missional Conference, March 3-4 in Archbold. Open to anyone! See bulletin board for registration and details.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, food, visits, gifts, help and support after KJ's passing. Thanks to the committee who furnished food for the meal or helped in other ways. It means a great deal to me; I am overwhelmed by your care, concern, and kindness. God bless you. ~Jan Smuckxr

As we worship together, please wear a mask especially while singing. The number of Covid-19 cases and community spread in our area continues to be quite high; please take appropriate precautions (using masks and distance) given your own health factors and the vulnerability of those you come into contact with.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School.

10:30 a.m. – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca

2:30 p.m. – Green Hills worship. Speaker, Rebecca via Zoom

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. – Ministry of Worship meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast. Liberty Gathering Place

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. – Call to prayer

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship. Speaker: Rebecca. Luke 5:1-11

PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK: Dick Lindemxr

LAST WEEK

Worship attendance: 34 Sunday School: 18

Your generosity empowers our collective work for God's kingdom purposes. Thanks.

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – January 30 Worship leader: Brenda Montgomxry Music leader: Janet Wilkxns Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn Greeters: Ken & Jeanette Hostetlxr Sound: Ken Shxnk Media: Andrew Bloxnt Prelude: Ellen Steinxr

Next Week – February 6 Worship leader: Elaine Newcomxr Music leader: Carl Newcomxr Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn Greeters: Ken & Jeanette Hostetlxr Sound: Andrew Bloxnt Media: Andrew Bloxnt Prelude: Carl Newcomxr